

EMERGENCY RELIEF TO LOCALITIES

State Public Assistance Program



Emergency Relief for Localities

- ❑ Localized major emergencies or disasters that lack sufficient damages to warrant a Presidential Declaration
- ❑ Program administered by VDEM
- ❑ Funding Authority:
 - Governors authority to expend sum sufficient pursuant to Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 1973
- ❑ Allotments considered grants made at discretion of Governor



Emergency Relief for Localities

□ Criteria

- Cities, towns and counties eligible
- Declare a local emergency
- Cities/Counties
 - Sustained total eligible costs of \$4 or more per capita
- Towns
 - Population 3,500 or less: Eligible expenses of \$15,000 or >
 - Population 3,500 or more but less than 5,000: Eligible expenses of \$20,000 or greater
 - Population of 5,000 or greater: Eligible costs of \$4 or more per capita

Emergency Relief for Localities

□ Criteria continued:

- Site/facility must have at least \$1,000 in eligible costs
- Total cost of debris clearance may be considered a single site.
- Maintain property insurance on full replacement cost basis , agreed amount basis with a blanket building or contents limit, or be self insured
 - Areas at risk for flooding are expected to participate in National Flood Insurance Program and obtain flood insurance coverage
- Certify not capable of covering disaster-related costs through any other means

Emergency Relief for Localities

- Eligible costs defined in PA component of Stafford Act
- Examples of eligible costs:
 - Overtime
 - Debris removal
 - Protective measures (e.g., sandbagging, back-up power for critical facilities, security, removal of health and safety hazards etc.)
- Examples of Non-eligible costs
 - Regular time
 - Snow removal
 - Insurance deductibles
 - Business interruption costs
 - Amount that should have been covered by flood insurance
 - Federal disaster insurance matching funds



State PA Program

Emergency Response/Infrastructure

- Town of Goshen
 - Water Shortage – Leaks in aging system
 - Overall Estimated Cost: \$60,000

- Town of Dungannon
 - Water Shortage – Leaks in aging system
 - Overall Estimated Cost: \$335,000

- Potential Eligible Costs
 - Emergency Water
 - Overtime
 - Contract Services
 - Supplies/Equipment



Partner Programs

- USDA – Rural Development
 - Grants (75% up to a million dollars)
 - Loans
 - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
 - No Longer Available This Year
- Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project
 - On-Site Technical Assistance to assess water/wastewater problems and evaluate options
 - Grants/loans for upgrades, new construction of water/wastewater projects
- Virginia Department of Health
 - Technical Assistance/Support

State PA Program - Natural Disasters

- February 2008 Fires
 - Multiple fires
 - Department of Forestry provided support to over 300
 - Virginia National Guard
 - Other state agencies
 - Associated Costs
 - Overtime
 - Supplies
 - Equipment
 - Contract Services



State PA Program - Natural Disasters



- ❑ Tornado - Wise County/Town of Big Stone Gap
- ❑ Potential eligible costs
 - Controlling access to area/security
 - Debris removal
 - Overtime
 - Contract Services

State PA Program - Human Caused Event

- ❑ Virginia Tech Shootings – April 16, 2007
- ❑ Potential Eligible Costs
 - Communications
 - Security
 - Clean-up
 - Overtime





Special Conditions for Drought

- ❑ Must meet application requirements of state PA program
- ❑ Departments of Environmental Quality and/or Health must certify public water system unable to serve minimal needs of customers for potable water
- ❑ Instituted water conservation measures

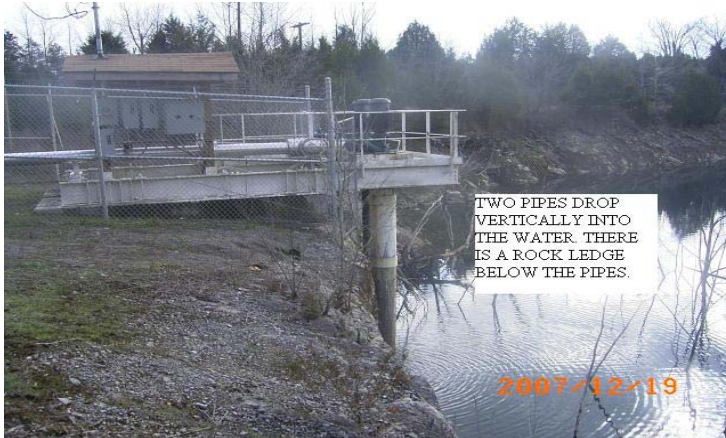


Special Conditions for Drought

□ Assistance

- Funding to support rationed distribution of potable water for 60 days
- Determination of eligible costs solely at discretion of Governor
 - Purchase/transportation of potable water; purchase/rental of holding tanks
 - Costs for administering/maintaining distribution system not eligible
- Program will reimburse 33% of eligible costs

Current Situations



□ Lee County

- Water Level dropped below water intakes
- Extending submersible pump and line from middle of quarry to water intakes
- Potential Program Support: USDA-Rural Development, SE RCAP, State PA Program



Current Situations

- Town of Appalacia -
 - Water Shortage-Drought
 - Established alternate water source by extending line from Powell River to tank
 - Estimated cost: \$123,300
 - Other program support anticipated:
 - Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project
 - USDA



Questions?

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